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Applicants:

Crystal WATKINS et al.

Title:

METHODS FOR PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF

GASTROINTESTINAL DISORDERS

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 in the above-identified application.

[${f X}$] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Presen	3	Rate		Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	46	X	46	=	0	×	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independents:	6	X	7	=	0	x	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: + \$280.00 CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:								=	\$0.00
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[X] No extension of time is required. A response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2003, is due September 6, 2003. This paper is time timely submitted on September 8, 2003, because September 6, 2003 is a Saturday.

[X] Also enclosed are:

(a) DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131 of Crystal C. Watkins, Solomon H. Snyder, and Christopher D. Ferris (2 documents, and Exhibits A and B); and

- (b) DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.132 of Solomon Snyder.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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Mail Stop NON-FEE AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office action dated June 6, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

The amendments presented below are in compliance with the revised amendment format permitted in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated February 10, 2003, and published at 1267 OG 106 on February 25, 2003. Thus, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for amendments made in this application to the claims, specification, and drawings.

Please amend the application as follows.